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**Senator Attar's Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 877 – Baltimore City – Stop Sign
Monitoring Systems Pilot Program – Mt. Washington Neighborhood**

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Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher & Honorable Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

Thank you for your consideration of Senate Bill 877 – Baltimore City – Stop Sign Monitoring Systems Pilot Program – Mt. Washington Neighborhood.

This bill seeks to address an ongoing safety concern in the Mt. Washington community by extending the existing stop sign monitoring systems pilot program to the Mt. Washington neighborhood in Baltimore City.

Stop sign monitoring systems were first authorized in Prince George's County. Last year, the General Assembly expanded that pilot framework to include the 45th and 46th Legislative Districts in Baltimore City. At that time, this body recognized that stop sign violations in school zones are not minor infractions - they pose real and serious risks to children and pedestrians.

Senate Bill 877 does not create a new program. It simply allows the Mt. Washington neighborhood in the 41st Legislative District to participate under the same structure, the same safeguards, and the same reporting requirements already enacted into law.

The existing pilot requires local authorization by law after public notice and hearing. It mandates clear signage, transparency, and detailed reporting to the Governor and the General Assembly on implementation, costs, revenue, reliability, and, most importantly, whether the systems reduce violations, crashes, and pedestrian injuries. It is also time-limited and subject to sunset.

In Mt. Washington, families have raised consistent concerns about drivers failing to come to complete stops in residential school zones. These are streets where children walk daily, crossing guards are stationed, and families cross intersections on foot. The community is asking for tools to deter dangerous behavior before a preventable tragedy occurs.

For these reasons, I respectfully request a favorable report on Senate Bill 877.

Sincerely,

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Senator Dalya Attar